

GREENE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Connersville, Fayette County, IN

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Site Location and Description

The facility is located at 1740 Georgia Avenue and is approximately 140,000 square feet. The property is approximately 2.5 acres and is located in a light industrial area, with a few private residences on the south boundary.

Site Uses and Past Activities

Based on a Phase I Environmental Assessment conducted for the city, it appears only residential structures existed on the property up until 1929. Between 1919 and 1929, a dry cleaning facility was on the property as well as the residences. Between 1929 and 1945 a metal plating facility was established on this site. From at least 1945 to 1972, this facility was operated by the Metal Production Company. In 1972 Greene Manufacturing Company purchased the property and operated the facility until its closure in February 2000. Greene Manufacturing Company has filed for bankruptcy.

Contaminants and Impacts

The contaminants on this property range from metals and cyanide from the metal plating facility to petroleum based products from underground storage tanks. According to the Phase I, the underground storage tanks were removed, but there is no record of closure documents being filed with IDEM. Minimal asbestos containing material was found in pipe insulation wrap in the facility. No soil contamination was found, however TCE above IDEM's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) residential cleanup criteria for groundwater was found in one sample. Additional investigations were recommended to determine the extent of contamination found in the initial Phase II investigation and to determine existence of contamination in areas with a historical potential of contamination.

Lead Agency

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority.

Community Concerns

The property is located near the downtown area. It is a blight and potential environmental and public health risk. On the economic side, Connersville and Fayette County have experienced economic declines over the past 10-12 years. Reuse of this site would eliminate blight and potentially add much-needed jobs to the area.



Actions Taken

The City of Connersville was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in October 2000 and March 2001. The funds will be used for an asbestos survey and soil and groundwater sampling.

Current Status

The State has received and reviewed the assessment reports generated from the first grant-funded assessment activities. IDEM has provided oversight for the second grant-funded phase of investigation at the property and has received the assessment report generated from these investigation activities.

Future Actions

IDEM will review the assessment reports and provide comments and recommendations as necessary.

Cost Estimates

Amount of grants awarded: \$27,000 and \$18,252

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